

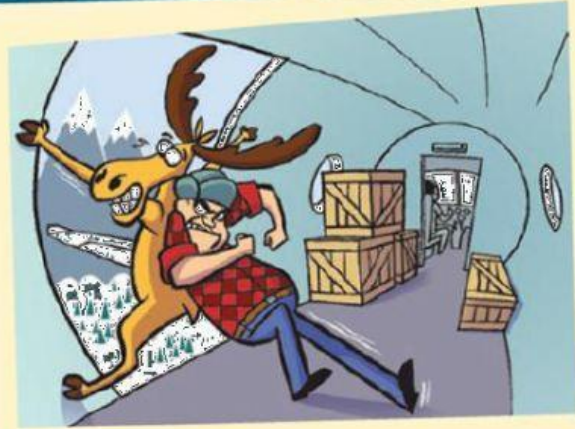
**Reading : Do you know how laws are passed in your country?**

## Silly Laws around the World

Every country has its own set of rules or laws. Laws are created by governments, and they are generally approved by a legislative body—such as the Congress or the Parliament. Laws are typically made for a reason, but some laws can be really silly.

It was once against the law to slam a car door in Switzerland. And Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because the cartoon character didn't wear pants. In England, if you found a whale on the beach, you couldn't keep it. It belonged to the king because it was considered a special animal.

Until 1874, people in Belgium had to choose their children's names from a list written at the time of Napoleon. Nowadays many countries still have strict laws regarding names. It is to prevent parents from giving children ridiculous names: In Brazil, a woman was called Disneylandia da Silva, and twins were called Fish and Chips in New Zealand.



**A: Write the mean of the words.**

1. country: \_\_\_\_\_

2. rule: \_\_\_\_\_

3. law: \_\_\_\_\_

4. government: \_\_\_\_\_

5. approve: \_\_\_\_\_

6. typically: \_\_\_\_\_

7. silly: \_\_\_\_\_

8. whale: \_\_\_\_\_

9. consider: \_\_\_\_\_

10. prevent: \_\_\_\_\_

**B: About reading.**

1. Why was Donald Duck banned in Finland?

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2. Why are there laws about names?

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3. What two things are against the law in Pennsylvania?

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4. What is still a driving offense in U.S. today?

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